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Preliminary Amendment

SIR:

In response to the Examiner's correspondence dated September 24, 2003 and pursuant to the enclosed RCE application, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the following amendments and arguments in determining the patentability of instant application.

In the Claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Presently amended) A method of treating a patient to alleviate pain without addiction, comprising: administering systemically an amount of noribogaine or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt in the absence of an opioid analgesic to said patient effective to reduce or eliminate pain in said patient.

2. (Presently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said patient is administered a pharmaceutical composition comprising said noribogaine or its salt and wherein said noribogaine is the sole analgesic agent in said pharmaceutical composition.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Presently amended) The method of any of claims 1-2, wherein said noribogaine or its salt is administered to said patient at a dose of between 0.1 mg and 100 mg per kg of body